Prayers of the Order of St. Vincent for Acolytes

ALMIGHTY God, grant unto us, Thy servants, so to follow Thy Blessed Martyr Vincent in all purity and constancy of living: that, bearing witness to Thee upon earth, we may attain the palm of everlasting glory: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast called us Thy servants to the sacred office of Acolyte in Thy Church, that clothed in white we may minister before Thee; we pray Thee of Thy great mercy to guide, strengthen and sanctify us by Thy Holy Spirit, that always doing Thy will, we may, both by our service in Thy house and by our daily life, please Thee and glorify Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY God, to whom Samuel ministered before Eli the priest, girded with a linen ephod; grant to us Thy servants the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that, like him, we may minister before Thee with a loving heart and due reverence: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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Objects of the Order of St. Vincent

1. To promote holy living amongst its members.

2. To promote loyal obedience to ecclesiastical superiors.

3. To encourage more frequent attendance at the Holy Eucharist, and more careful preparation for its reception.

4. To promote friendship and brotherhood amongst servers.

Rules

1. To pray to God every day.

2. If physically possible, to be present at the Holy Eucharist every Sunday.

3. To make due preparation before serving and to say the prayer of the Order.

4. To serve in strict accordance with the desires of the Priest whom I may be assisting, irrespective of my own inclination.

5. To receive the Holy Communion, after due preparation, at least monthly and on Christmas Day, Easter, Whitsunday and within the Octave of St. Vincent's Day.

6. To render loyal obedience to my ecclesiastical superiors.

7. To obey diligently the rules of any parochial organization of which I may be a member.

8. Always to speak reverently of Holy things.

The Rules of the Order of St. Vincent as set forth in the Manual are to be considered as a minimum requirement for membership. Each Chapter may provide such additional rules as its local use may require.

The Order Hopes

For emphasis on the Anglican Communionwide-fellowship among servers, versus the parochial; that every server will have a progressive Rule of Life; that he will become intelligently liturgically interested; and that he will consider the work a lay vocation, and continue indefinitely with the Order.

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